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## RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Sir:

In response to the office action dated August 12, 2003, please consider the following amendments and remarks in favor of the allowance of claims 1-8 and 11-18 of the above-referenced patent application. The amendments to the claims commence on page 2 and conclude on page 9 of this communication, and the accompanying remarks commence on page 10 and conclude on page 18 of this communication.

The submission of this communication is considered timely based on the enclosed Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) and the enclosed Petition fee of \$110.00 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(1).